of starting Co-operative Marketing Societies and one such society has already been started at Peringandur.

(b) It depends upon the market conditions then prevailing. If the market rates are low the commodities will have to be sold only when the rates go high. All village co-operative societies are now giving seasonal credits to the agriculturists with a view to enable the ryots to secure better prices for their products.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—When was it opened—the one at Peringandur?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies.)*—A few months back.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will it not be a relief to the poor agriculturists if loans are granted on arecanut produce?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—We are trying to do something.

Poor Problem—Committee recommendations.

71. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government give an account of the steps they have taken in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee appointed by them to report on the solution of our poor problem?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Sir, when was the committee constituted?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*—Towards the beginning of July.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur.).*— Is it not more than six months?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*—You can calculate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—In how many months were they instructed to forward their report?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—They were asked to submit the report as early as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Are there any non-officials?

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Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes. There is the chairman and there are two members.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—In the Official Proceedings constituting the committee, was there not mention about the time at which the report is to be submitted?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—"As early as possible" are the wording.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has not the committee not yet met?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—That is our information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it not usual to mention the period within which the report is to be submitted?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*—I think that is the general practice. Period also is sometimes fixed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—How many times has the Hon'ble Member reminded?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Three or four times.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*).— കമ്മിറ്റി മീറ്റിംഗ്ഇതുവരെ കൂടിട്ടുണ്ടോ എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. പി. ചെറിയാൻ (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—കമ്മിറ്റികൂടി അവരോട് റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്യുവാനാണ് ആ വശ്യപ്പെട്ടത്. റിമയിൻഡർ അയച്ചപ്പോൾ കമ്മിറ്റി കൂടീട്ടില്ല എന്നാണ മറുപടി കിട്ടിയത്.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government again remind?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—They were reminded two or three days back.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—The problem is so very important; it is not a question of want of alms. It is a question of want of means. Who are the Members?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Chairman of Ernakulam and Mattancherry, and the Hon'ble Mr. Popatlal.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi.)*—Will the Government be pleased to forward a copy of the proceedings?

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Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it not the duty of the Government to take some vigorous action?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The time has arisen.

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The resolution is moved by Mr. Popatlal. He was one of the Members.

Poor Problem—Committee Report regarding.

72. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state:—

(a) the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Government to report on the solution of the poor problem;

(b) what steps the Government have taken on them?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) The Committee has not submitted its report yet.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Honorary Visitors—Medical Institutions.

73. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri Town North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the object behind appointing Honorary Visitors to the various hospitals, dispensaries, etc.?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—To suggest ways and means for the improvement of the institutions.

The Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.—working of.

74. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any arrangements for the working of the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., and if so, what it is?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Some time back Government published a notification in the Gazette inviting proposals for the working of the Tanneries. No satisfactory response was made to this notification. Under these circumstances no arrangements have yet been made for the working of the Tanneries.

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